

**Fact Sheet  
June 2004**

**MEETING DATE CHANGED**  
**Beale Air Force Base**  
**Site 12 Proposed Cleanup**  
**Marysville, California**



**DRAFT REMOVAL ACTION WORKPLAN PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

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**OUR APOLOGIES**

In a fact sheet mailed to you on June 7, 2004, we announced that a public meeting for Site 12 at Beale Air Force Base was to be held on July 9, 2004. July 9, 2004 is the final date of the public comment period. The **meeting date is June 16, 2004 at 6:00 p.m.** We apologize for any confusion this may have caused.

**WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU**

You are invited to review and comment on a proposal to clean up soil containing elevated levels of herbicides and pesticides at Beale Air Force Base, Site 12. Beale Air Force Base is located at 6601 B Street. Site 12 is located just east of G Street, between Warren Shingle Road and Gavin Mandery Drive in Marysville, California. The proposed cleanup is explained in a document called a draft Removal Action Workplan (draft RAW). In addition, a document called a Negative Declaration is also available for review. The Negative Declaration examines how the proposed clean up could impact public health and the environment.

The draft RAW and Negative Declaration are available for review during a 30-day public comment period which runs June 9 through July 9, 2004. In addition, a public meeting will be held to provide information, answer questions, and accept public comment at the Yuba County Library, 3022<sup>nd</sup> Street, Marysville, CA 95901, (530) 749-7380 on **June 16, 2004 at 6:00 p.m.**

**30-Day Public Comment Period**

**Why:** To accept comments on a draft Removal Action Workplan (RAW) and Negative Declaration.

**When:** Comments are being accepted from June 9 through July 9, 2004.

**Submit:** Comments by July 9, 2004 to Terry Escarda, DTSC, .8800 Cal Center Drive, Sacramento, California 95826, [tescarda@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:tescarda@dtsc.ca.gov)

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All public comments received during the public comment period will be considered in making the final decision for Site 12. Written comments must be postmarked by July 9, 2004.

## PROPERTY INFORMATION

Site 12 is approximately 0.37 acres in size and consists of two concrete pads located adjacent to former entomology building 440, and a 750 linear foot roadside drainage ditch. According to historical records, the pesticide mixing area was where the two concrete pads are situated.

Spillage and mixing activities on and near the concrete pads are believed to have caused contamination of the soil. Building 440 is not suspected of having pesticide contamination.

## HERBICIDES AND PESTICIDES

Contaminated soil at Site 12 goes down to approximately two-feet below ground surface.

The concentrations of pesticides in these areas exceeds US EPA guidelines and is believed to be of risk to humans and the environment. Groundwater at Site 12 has not been impacted.

Herbicides and pesticides are chemicals used to prevent, destroy, and repel pests. Pests can be insects, mice, unwanted plants (weeds), fungi or microorganisms like bacteria and viruses.

## THE SITE IS NOT CURRENTLY A RISK TO THE PUBLIC

Even though there are elevated levels of herbicides and pesticides, there is no immediate risk to the public. Because Site 12 is currently fenced and covered by loose gravel, concrete, and small foliage, exposure to contaminated soil is minimal. However, in order to use Site 12 in the future, contaminated

soil will be disturbed and exposed and could become a public health concern at that time.

## WE LOOKED AT DIFFERENT WAYS TO CLEAN UP THE SITE

The draft RAW describes the various options that were looked at to clean up the Site 12

These included:

- leaving contaminated soil in place and covering it with clean soil.
- stabilizing the soil by mixing it with concrete, for example, to prevent the contaminated soil from being moved around.
- restricting use of the Site.

## WE PROPOSE TO DIG UP AND TAKE AWAY THE CONTAMINATED SOIL

Of all the options considered, digging up and taking away contaminated soil to a licensed landfill proved to be the most effective, least expensive, and easiest way to permanently clean up the Site and make it safe to human health and the environment.

The draft RAW proposes the following:

- dig up contaminated soil in an area approximately 100 feet wide by 150 feet long next to Building 440, and in approximately 750 feet of ditch leading away from the building.
- conduct tests to determine exactly what types of herbicides and pesticides, and at what levels, exist in the excavated soil.
- spray water during excavation and after soil is placed in the cargo box/dump truck to keep contaminated soil particles from floating around
- cover cargo trucks to keep

- contaminated soil contained.
- transport contaminated soil to an appropriate treatment facility/landfill.
- take soil samples from the excavated areas to make sure all contaminated soil has been removed.
- backfill the excavated areas and return Site 12 to its pre-excavation condition.

#### ALSO FOR REVIEW: OUR FINDINGS ABOUT THE EFFECT OF THE PROPOSED CLEANUP ON THE ENVIRONMENT

As required by California state law (the California Environmental Quality Act) we studied the possible effects the proposed cleanup could have on the environment. The findings of the study can be reviewed in a document called a Negative Declaration. The Negative Declaration states that the proposed cleanup will have no negative impact on the environment.

#### MORE INFORMATION AT THE LIBRARY

The draft RAW and Negative Declaration are available for you to review at the Yuba County Library, located at 303 2nd Street in Marysville. Please call (530) 749-7380 for hours and days of operation. These documents are also available at the Department of Toxic

Substances Control's Sacramento Office located at 8800 Cal Center Drive, Sacramento, California, 95826. Please call Mr. Terry Escarda at 916-255-3714 to setup an appointment.

#### WHERE TO SEND COMMENTS

Comments must be postmarked no later than July 9, 2004. They can be mailed directly to Mr. Terry Escarda, Department of Toxic Substances Control, 8800 Cal Center Drive, Sacramento, California, 95826. You may also submit comments by email to [tescarda@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:tescarda@dtsc.ca.gov).

#### WHO TO CALL FOR MORE INFORMATION

If you have questions about the cleanup, please call Mr. Terry Escarda at (916) 255-3714 or Heidi Nelson, Public Participation Specialist at (916) 255-3575. If you are a member of the media, please call Lisa Gray, Public Information Office, Department of Toxic Substances Control at (916) 324-0936 or email her at [lgray@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:lgray@dtsc.ca.gov).

#### NOTICE TO THE HEARING IMPAIRED

You may obtain additional information by using the California State Relay at 1-888-877-5378 (TDD). Ask them to contact Mr. Terry Escarda at (916) 255-3714 regarding the Beale Air Force, Site 12 project.

### ARE YOU ON DTSC'S MAILING LIST?

If you would like to be on the mailing list, fill out the information below and mail back to:  
**Heidi Nelson, Public Participation Specialist, DTSC, 8800 Cal Center Drive, Sacramento, CA, 95826**  
 Please print name and address clearly.

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